MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I do not remember the exact date. It was some years ago.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Was it seven or eight years ago ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Five or six years ago.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know what was the result of the experiment that was tried till now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is stated in the *Administration Report.*

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : It is not stated on whose part there was no zest.

Action on the resolution re abolition of the toll-gate at Neduvangad.

291. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have accepted the resolution passed by the Council regarding the abolition of thet oll-gate at Neduvangad;

(*b*) whether the toll-gate contractors under the Public Works Department bar the gates for the purpose of collecting tolls ; and

(*c*) if so, whether the Government have authorised them to do so?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There is no specific authorisation but that is the practice which has not been prohibited.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : With reference to answer to part (*c*), may I know whether there is any authority for that practice in the Tolls Recovery Regulation ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : There is no authority. It is stated in the answer that there is no specific authorisation.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : If that is not authorised by the Government, may I know by whom is it authorised and for whose interest ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It has been authorised by the contractors for their own interests. There is no higher authority.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Have the Government ascertained whether the practice is not opposed to the provisions of the Tolls Recovery Regulation ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) ; Government have not done that.

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MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALR (*Pathanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): If the practice is not sanctioned by the provisions of the Tolls Recovery Regulation, will the Government take steps to prohibit it?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Of course, if it is brought to the notice of Government, it will be looked into.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): But if it is *prima faci* an illegal practice, should it be brought to their notice?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The fact should be brought to the notice of Government.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) But the Government are already aware of it, as can be seen from the answer to part (*b*)?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*); That is only after the interpellation.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Have the Government taken any steps to prohibit this practice since receipt of this interpellation?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): We will enquire about it.

Admissions to departmental training schools.

292. MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether persons from outside the service are admitted to the Government training schools;

(*b*) if so, their number; and

(*c*) the method of selecting teachers for admission to the training schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This part does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

(*c*) The selection of teachers for admission to the course in training schools is based on their qualifications, length of service and the scarcity of trained teachers in the schools concerned and the applications of the teachers.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): പാട്ട് (സി)-യിൽ "The selection of teachers for admisson to the course in training schools is based on their qualifications....." എന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഹയർപരീക്ഷ ജയിച്ചാൽ അതു കമ്പാരിഫിക്കേഷനായിട്ടു വിചാരിക്കാമൊ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങനെയല്ല. 'Scarcity of trained teachers' കൂടി നോക്കും.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): അപ്പോൾ അതൊരു മെയിന്റനൻസ് ഇലേക്കാവശ്യമുള്ളവരെക്കൂടി നോക്കും അല്ലെ?

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